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1. [] Carl Blake, in the office of Representative Donald Riegle (R., Mich.), called to arrange a meeting with George Carver, SAVA, to discuss the Congressman's trip to Vietnam. After checking with Carver, it was agreed that we would meet in Riegle's office at 4:30 p.m., 7 March.

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2. [] J. Sourwine, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, called to request information on [] who is travelling in the United States with [] I told Sourwine I would check and be back in touch.

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3. [] Paul Karody, Legislative Assistant to Senator Stephen M. Young (D., Ohio), called on behalf of the Senator to find out the amount of the Agency budget and the number of Agency personnel. I told Mr. Karody that I was not able to supply this information and cited the statutory proscriptions involved. I suggested that it may be reasonable from his position and if he wishes to, to suggest to the Senator that he deal with Senators Russell and Stennis on this matter and he seemed to be agreeable to this suggestion commenting that it would get both of us "off the hook." Then, in the absence of Ed Braswell, I alerted Mr. Charles Kirbow, Chief Clerk, Senate Armed Services Committee.

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4. [] Spoke with Colonel Banks, in the office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower, concerning H.R. 4204, amendments to the War Claims Act of 1948, and learned that the bill will be reported out in amended fashion and that it is DOD's position that expansion of the bill to include American citizens, among other things, would be best accomplished on the Senate side.

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25X1 12. [] Met with Mr. Bun Bray, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee staff, who advised that at Chairman Henderson's direction, the Committee staff is continuing a rewrite of the Ervin bill which originated before the close of the last session. The new bill will include specific exemption for the CIA and additional provision authorizing that the President may exempt such other agencies or components as may be necessary in the interest of national security. Mr. Bray noted that although there appears to be no more pressure at this time on the House side than in the past, that Senator Ervin appears to be exerting considerable pressure himself from the Senate side.

25X1 13. [] In response to a request from Representative Paul Findley (R., Ill.) for a briefing on the status of Czechoslovakia's arms shipments to the Middle East and Vietnam, arranged for [] OER, to conduct the briefing in Findley's office on 7 March at 10:30 a. m.

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25X1 14. [] Spoke with Colonel Banks, Office of the Secretary of Defense for Manpower, concerning the DOD position on H.R. 4204, amendments to War Claims Act of 1948. Colonel Banks informed me that DOD representatives were not scheduled to testify at the hearing today but that they would sit in; DOD will today deliver to the Committee a letter pointing out certain deficiencies in the bill, primarily related to date and criteria for coverage and authorizing settlement prior to return of POWs. He does not feel the bill will be reported out as introduced and is hopeful that a more comprehensive measure along the lines of H.R. 15545 (90th Congress) would emerge.

25X1 15. [] Received a call from Beth Minter, in the office of Representative Marvin Esch (R., Mich.), who requested maps of the Provinces of Vietnam. These maps were provided by the Map Library and forwarded to Miss Minter.

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